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**FREMONT APPOINTS NEW FIRE CHIEF**

**Fremont, CA, May 25, 2005** –Fremont City Manager Fred Diaz announced the appointment of Bruce Martin as the new Fire Chief for the City of Fremont. Martin is currently the Fire Chief for the City of San Rafael, California. He replaces Interim Fire Chief Bill Reykalin, who is retiring after 13 years of service to the City of Fremont and 29 years in the fire service. Martin will begin work on June 21, 2005.

Chief Martin was chosen after an extensive nationwide search. Prior to joining the San Rafael Fire Department, Martin was a Battalion Chief in Palo Alto, a Deputy Fire Chief in Sonoma County, a Battalion Chief in Mountain View, and a Fire Captain in Redwood City, where he began his firefighting career in 1982. In addition to his fire department duties, Chief Martin is an Assistant Professor at the College of San Mateo, where he teaches fire financial management.

He holds a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration from the College of Notre Dame and an Associate in Fire Science from Indian Valley College. He also holds a variety of professional certificates from the California Fire Academy, the California Fire Service Training & Education System, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the National Fire Academy.

City Manager Diaz said, “Chief Martin brings a strong record of leadership to the Fremont Fire Department. His emphasis on customer service and regional cooperation will be invaluable to the City of Fremont and to the Fire Department.”

Chief Martin currently leads a full-service fire department with six stations and 81 employees. Fremont’s Fire Department has a total of 153 full time employees and 10 fire stations.

When asked about his appointment, Martin said, “I’m looking forward to working with a Department that has such a great reputation, and making Fremont my home.”

Chief Martin is 44 and married with one child.

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